

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

you [ay more in taxes than I make in a year. I have been trying to open a business for 13 years and cannot because I couldn't find the funding. I have to work my ass off for to get the funding I needed. I spent 13 years saving every last dime I had. and in a fury of mud and water in september of 2004 My business ws swept from me. I can not get financial help from the government or the state levels. I can't just raise the prices of my products to make up for that ill lose customers. but you raising taxes is something we as tax payers can not avoid by going to another company. I wish you knew what it was like to be poor. After my bills. And by bills I mean rent, utilities car payment and insurance all things I have to have to live I have 20 dollars a week to live on. I ask you decision maker. Could you live on 20 dollars a week. Try it for a month. Monday morning put 20 dollars in your pocket. I bet you dont make it past lunch. I can make that 20 dollars last a week. then you can see why I cant afford higher taxes. I pay my taxes and didnt even get help from the people I pay taxes to to open my business back up.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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